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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL A, I CONTACTED MY AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES TO INFORM THEM OF INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH FRENCH AND GERMAN MISSIONS. AUSTRALIAN AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS HAD NOT THEN RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. NEITHER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER APPROACH TO FRENCH AND GERMANS SINCE I INDICATED SUCH APPROACH WOULD NOT RPT NOT DELAY DEMARCHE TO BE MADE IN SOUTH AFRICA. BOTH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED BUT INDICATED THAT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS THEY DID NOT WISH JOIN IN APPROACH TO FRENCH AND GERMANS.

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2. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE (SLATER), WHO ALSO HAD NOT AT THAT TIME RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, WAS CONCERNED THAT U.S. APPROACH TO FRENCH AND GERMANS WOULD RAISE LATTER'S EYEBROWS IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT BRITISH CHAIRMANSHIP EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. SLATER REQUESTED I DELAY APPROACH TO FRENCH AND GERMANS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO TELEPHONE LONDON, WHICH I AGREED TO DO. LONDON

SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZED HIM MAKE JOINT APPROACH WITH ME TO FRENCH AND GERMANS.

3. SLATER AND I CALLED JOINTLY FIRST ON FRENCH (DEMENTHON) AND LATER GERMANS (AMBASSADOR HOFFMANN) MORNING APRIL 15 INFORMING THEM THAT PROPOSED DEMARCHE WOULD BE MADE WEEK AUGUST 18 AND EXPRESSING HOPE THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED JOIN IN MAKING COORDINATED APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES. I HANDED EACH OF THEM AGREED TEXT CONTAINED REFTEL B AND MADE CLEAR THAT THIS WAS SUGGESTED TEXT ONLY WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE AT LIBERTY TO ALTER TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

4. BOTH INDICATED THEY WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT APPROACH TO THEIR CAPITALS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN COORDINATED DEMARCHE.

5. AMBASSADOR FURLONGER CALLED ME MORNING APRIL 15 TO SAY HIS GOVERNMENT AGREED AUTHORIZE THEIR AMBASSADOR IN SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN COORDINATED DEMARCH BUT RAISED SEVERAL TEXTUAL CHANGES TO PROPOSED TALKING POINTS. CANBERRA MESSAGE WAS REPEATED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. I GAVE HIM MY PERSONAL REACTION THAT FIRST OF PROPOSED CHANGES (TO PARA 2) TENDED TO WEAKEN APPROACH, BUT OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES WERE HELPFUL. WE AGREED, AND BRITISH AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES SUBSEQUENTLY ALSO AGREE, THAT IT WAS IMPRACTICAL AT THIS STATE TO ATTEMPT TO RE-NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC TEXT HERE IN VIENNA AND, RATHER, IT BEST

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BE LEFT TO AMBASSADORS IN SOUTH AFRICA TO COORDINATE THEIR APPROACHES AS BEST THEY COULD.

6. BRITISH HAVE JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN DEMARCHE, BUT INDICATING THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND CALL IN SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON. CANADIANS ASSUME THEY WILL RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION BUT HAVE HAD BREAKDOWN IN CYPHER EQUIPMENT WHICH HAD PUT THEM TEMPORARILY OUT OF TOUCH ON CLASSIFIED MATTERS.

7. COMMENT: I CAME AWAY FEELING IT UNLIKELY FRENCH WILL DECIDE TO JOIN IN DEMARCHE, BUT THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY FRG WILL DO SO. END COMMENT.
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